

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
May 10, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, April Holinko, Katherine Paulhus, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Robert Burrington, Mansfield Middle School Technology Education teacher and students discussed Tech Ed and the projects they have completed during the current school year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add a field trip request to the Superintendent's Report. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that the Personnel Committee has begun negotiations with School Nurses and continues negotiations with UPSEU. Goodwin Bequest Committee: Minutes from the May 1st Committee were distributed to the Board. Mrs. Paulhus reported that she attended the EASTCONN Executive Board meeting and EASTCONN's annual meeting is May 22nd at the Capitol Theatre in Willimantic.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Field Trip Request: Jeff Cryan, Principal Mansfield Middle School, discussed the request for qualifying students to attend the National History Day Competition at the University of Maryland. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to approve the field trip. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Youth Services Bureau: Patricia Michalak, Program Coordinator and Kathleen McNamara, Social Worker discussed the many programs they provide for the Town and Mansfield Public Schools.
- District Technology Plan: Jaime Russell, Director of IT, James Griffith, Mansfield Middle School, and Steve Sokoloski, pk-4 Technology Coordinators, discussed the proposed District Technology Plan and technology offered in the schools. MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to approve the Education Technology Plan. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Linda Robinson, Library/Media Coordinator, discussed Digital Resources at the Mansfield Public School Libraries.
- Summer Programs: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the summer programs the district will offer this summer (Online Summer School, Special Education pk-4 Summer School at Goodwin, and MMS upcoming gr. 6-8 Summer School).
- Staff Appreciation: Mr. Baruzzi reported that in addition to the annual donation to WAIM, there will also be a staff appreciation breakfast at each school on June 20th. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- 2012-2013 Budget: The budget was adopted as proposed at the annual town meeting on May 8, 2012.
- Upcoming Retreat: The agenda will include discussion of goals and objectives and budget considerations.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant change in enrollment.

Process for determining wage increase of non-union employees below the rank of the Superintendent: MOTION by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to refer to the Personnel Committee for discussion and recommendation to the Board wage increase of non-union employees below the rank of the Superintendent. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mr. Walikonis that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of May 10, 2012 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid child rearing leave from July 1 through March 29, 2013 from Katherine Harbec, Vinton School teacher.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for maternity and unpaid child rearing leave for the 2012-2013 school year from Roseann Holden, Goodwin School Psychologist.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request for a year's leave of absence from Barbara Hunter, MMS sixth grade teacher.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

Executive Session: MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion contract negotiations and Superintendent's evaluation at 9:41. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The Board returned to open session at 10:33pm.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Rueckl to adjourn at 10:34pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk